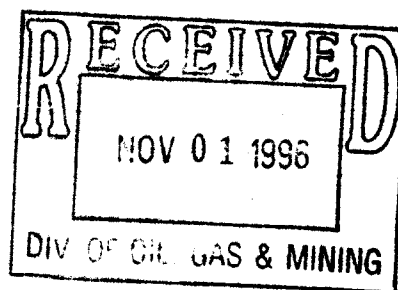


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October 28, 1996

Reference: Final Closure of Pad 1
Goldstrike Mine, St. George, Utah

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

On September 9, 1996 USMX requested permission to complete work on Pad 1 in anticipation of seeding this fall. This work would entail placing soil in the temporary peripheral drains, which were placed around the pad during resloping. Once this work is completed water from any future storm event would flow off the pad into the surrounding areas as opposed to the containment system.

USMX is presently awaiting your comments before completing this final stage. We are presently entering the fall seeding window and would like to have this work completed before any major storm event this winter. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 801-574-3269.

Sincerely,

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